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SUBJECT: SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

FOR HONORABLE WILLIAM CHAPPELL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON D.C.

REFERENCE: YOUR COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM OF AUGUST 28 REGARDING
SETTLEMENT ESTATE OF JOHN BERNARD STAFFORD.

ATTORNEY HARRY PRYPLESH CONTACTED TODAY. HE REPORTS DELAY IN
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE IS DUE HIS INABILITY, IN SPITE REPEATED
EFFORTS, LOCATE DECEDENT'S CHILDREN WHO MAY HAVE RIGHTS TO
INHERITANCE AND WHOSE WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. HE EMPHASIZED NO
FINAL SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE UNTIL CHILDREN ARE LOCATED AND HE
BELIEVES ONLY POSSIBILITY AT THIS STAGE TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL
REQUIREMENTS IS TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS IN U.S. AND SPANISH
NEWSPAPERS IN A RENEWED EFFORT LOCATE DECEDENT'S CHILDREN.

THE AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE PAID ON PROPERTY IS TO BE DETERMINED
BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN ACCORDANCE SPANISH LAWS. THE AMOUNT OF
TAXES THAT WILL BE ASSESSED IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT AS IT WILL DEPEND
UPON WHO WILL INHERIT PROPERTY OR HOW IT WILL BE DIVIDED. TAXES
WILL BE LOWER ON PROPERTY THAT MAY BE INHERITED BY CHILDREN AND
HIGHER ON PROPERTY GOING TO BROTHER. THUS FAR, ATTORNEY PRYPLESH
HAS SPENT ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS IN VARIOUS LEGAL EXPENSES.

ATTORNEY PRYPLESH ALSO EMPHASIZED HE IS DOING VERY BEST HE CAN
BUT THAT SITUATION IS DIFFICULT IN VIEW IMPOSSIBILITY COMMUNICATE
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WITH ALL THE POSSIBLE HEIRS. HE HAS PROMISED TO WRITE MR. ELWOOD

STAFFORD WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO INFORM HIM FULLY OF PRESENT
SITUATION AND THE DIFFICULTIES HE IS ENCOUNTERING.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
SEVILLE, SPAIN.

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